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Head of Student Group Formerly Of Columbia City

COLUMBIA CITY — W. Eugene Groves, president of the National Student Association, which has suddenly loomed into prominence as being backed by the Central Intelligence Agency, is formerly of Columbia City.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Groves, R. R. 6, Columbia City. Parents of the NSA president spent the Christmas holidays with him in Washington. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1961, graduated from the University of Chicago, and spent 1965 at Oxford University in England as a Rhodes scholar.

Being president of NSA is a full time job, the parents said. Eugene has been in Washington for about a year.

The State Department acknowledged Tuesday that CIA was a secret financial backer of NSA, the country's largest organization of its kind. The acknowledgment promised a storm in academic circles and in Congress over the big spy agency (CIA) having a hand in the student group.